

## REMARKS

Claims 1-16 have been examined. Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-4 and 13-16 without prejudice. Claims 5, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 are amended. No new claims have been added.

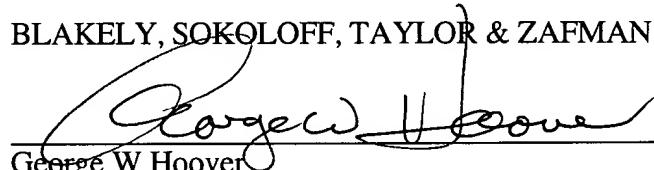
The Examiner has indicated that claims 5-10 would be allowable if presented in independent form, and if the Section 112 issues are addressed. Applicant has hereby amended claim 5 to place it in independent form, incorporating all of the limitations of claims 1-4. Furthermore, Applicant has amended claims 5, 7, 8 and 9 to incorporate definitions of all of the terms in the equations. Claims 6 and 10 did not require amendment since all terms in these claims are defined in the predecessor claims. Claims 11 and 12 have been amended to depend from amended claim 5.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant believes that all claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

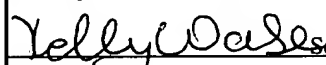
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